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DEPARTMENT FOR PM-HDP, DRL, EAP/MLS, EAP/RSP AND S/GHD

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR NATIONAL COUNTER-TERRORISM SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATE IN US TRAINING, NOVEMBER 28, 2009-NOVEMBER 27, 2010 IN CAMBODIA

REF: 03 SECSTATE 034981

11. This is an action cable. See Paragraph Six.

12. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S. sponsored training programs.

13. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S. sponsored security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals members of the National Counter Terrorism Special Forces for the period of November 28, 2009 through November 27, 2010. The personnel have not previously received U.S. Training.

NAME: Than, Sokhen (Male)
DPOB: May 4, 1960; Takeo
POSITION: Deputy Chief of Staff
RANK: Major
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Ung, Phan (Male)
DPOB: January 1, 1986; Kandal
POSITION: Chief of S2
RANK: Major
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Luk, Sophat (Male)
DPOB: July 11, 1972; Svay Rieng
POSITION: Deputy Chief of S4
RANK: Second Lieutenant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chan, Usaphea (Male)
DPOB: September 10, 1985; Svay Rieng
POSITION: Assistant
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Tiep, Sarith (Male)
DPOB: August 4, 1964; Prey Veng
POSITION: Engineering
RANK: Lieutenant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Poueng, Sovann (Male)
DPOB: December 22, 1988; Svay Rieng
POSITION: Assistant of S4
RANK: First Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Sur, Visal (Male)
DPOB: July 31, 1988; Kampong Thom
POSITION: Assistant
RANK: Second Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Kong, Someourn (Male)
DPOB: May 15, 1984; Phnom Penh
POSITION: Assistant of S2
RANK: Third Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pol, Sarin (Male)
DPOB: December 19, 1990; Phnom Penh
POSITION: Assistant of Admin Office
RANK: First Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pol, Sarath (Female)
DPOB: April 4, 1987; Phnom Penh
POSITION: Assistant Account, Finance Office
RANK: First Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Norng Romny (Male)
DPOB: September 24, 1984; Phnom Penh
POSITION: Assistant Cashier, Finance Office
RANK: First Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chay, Vanna (Male)
DPOB: July 5, 1967; Pursat
POSITION: Driver

RANK: Chief Warrant Officer
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Un, Meng An (Male)
DPOB: February 1, 1968; Phnom Penh
POSITION: Driver
RANK: Staff Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chun, Viet (Male)
DPOB: January 2, 1982; Kampot
POSITION: Driver
RANK: Second Lieutenant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Kien, Ny (Male)
DPOB: May 5, 1960; Takeo
POSITION: Driver
RANK: Warrant Officer
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Ty, Channab (Male)
DPOB: July 29, 1990; Takeo
POSITION: Driver
RANK: Staff Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Rath, Makara (Male)
DPOB: January 15, 1986; Kandal
POSITION: Driver
RANK: Staff Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Lay, Saren (Male)
DPOB: March 2, 1974; Kampong Cham
POSITION: Cook
RANK: Staff Sergeant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Sim, Bunthoeun (Male)
DPOB: June 19, 1976; Kandal
POSITION: Cook
RANK: Staff Sergeant

DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pum, Ketnary (Male)
DPOB: August 31, 1956; Kandal
POSITION: Medical Officer
RANK: Lieutenant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Thouk, Sotharath (Female)
DPOB: November 20, 1980; Kandal
POSITION: Medic
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Phon, Chanthy (Female)
DPOB: January 23, 1980; Kandal
POSITION: Medic
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Un, Bunthol (Male)
DPOB: May 15, 1958; Kandal
POSITION: Medic
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Bin, Boeun (Male)
DPOB: January 2, 1977; Takeo
POSITION: Training Officer
RANK: Lieutenant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chin, Vanna (Male)
DPOB: November 3, 1984; Takeo
POSITION: Training Officer
RANK: Second Lieutenant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Toun, Sok (Male)
DPOB: November 10, 1980; Takeo
POSITION: Operator
RANK: Lieutenant

DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Pin, Thea (Male)
DPOB: May 27, 1980; Prey Veng
POSITION: Operator
RANK: Second Lieutenant
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Seng, Sarak (Male)
DPOB: March 2, 1982, Svay Rieng
POSITION: Operator
RANK: Chief Warrant Officer
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Chay, Sokhom (Male)
DPOB: March 8, 1986; Takeo
POSITION: Operator
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Som, Sarath (Male)
DPOB: April 4, 1988; Svay Rieng
POSITION: Operator
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Khem, Rathna (Male)
DPOB: May 6, 1984; Kampong Thom
POSITION: Operator
RANK: Chief Sergeant Master
DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

NAME: Tob, Chomnarn (Male)
DPOB: June 1, 1984; Kampong Cham

POSITION: Operator

RANK: Chief Sergeant Master

DEPT/UNIT: National Counter-Terrorism Special Force

¶4. Some of the individuals listed above had prior service with Brigade 70 or the Prime Minister's Bodyguard Unit in differing periods from 1998 to the recent past; however, none of the listed individuals were members of B-70 or the Prime Minister's Bodyguard Unit prior to 31 December 1997. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above named individuals.

¶5. Individuals are new personnel assigned to the National Counter Terrorism Special Forces who have not previously undergone Human Rights Vetting.

¶6. Action request: Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights.

¶7. Points of contacts for Amembassy Phnom Penh are Major Wayne Turnbull turnbullpw@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-219 or Jenae Johnson Johnsonjd3@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118.

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